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SUBJECT: PRC EMBASSY ATTACKS CUBA AND RUSSIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. A SHARP ATTACK ON CUBA AND RUSSIA
BY PRC EMBASSY HERE HAS ELICITED AN EQUALLY SHARP
DEFENSE OF THOSE COUNTRIES BY LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. PRC EMBASSY DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS JUNE 5
A COMMENTARY BY NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY ENTITLED "IS CUBA
A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY." THE COMMENTARY ATTACKED THE
INTERVENTIONIST POLICY OF CUBA AND RUSSIA IN VARIOUS
PARTS OF THE WORLD, ACCUSED CUBAN LEADERSHIP OF BETRAYING
IDEALS OF CUBAN REVOLUTION, AND CONCLUDED THAT CUBA WAS
TRYING TO SWING NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT BEHIND ONE OF "TWO
IMPERALIST SUPERPOWERS."

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DAILY SIMERINI. HOWEVER, MERE DISTRIBUTION OF ARTICLE
BY PRC EMBASSY PROVOKED IMMEDIATE HARSH REACTION IN
HARAVGHI, DAILY MOUTHPIECE OF PRO-SOVIET COMMUNIST (AKEL)
PARTY. HARAVGHI CHARGED CHINESE WITH USING SAME ARGUMENTS
USED BY NATO IMPERALISTS, CIA, AND PENTAGON, CALLED
ACTION OF CHINESE EMBASSY A MONSTROUS PROVOCATION AND
DIPLOMATIC SCANDAL, AND INVITED CYPRUS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE

APPROPRIATE ACTION. IN SEPARATE EDITORIAL, HARAVGHI
ACCUSED PRESENT PEKING LEADERSHIP OF TREACHERY TO WORLD
PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT, OF SUPPORTING A FASCIST REGIME IN
ZAIRE, AND OF SLANDERING HEROIC CUBA AND THE GREAT
SOVIET UNION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN L.O.U. COMMENT. OPEN EXPRESSIONS OF SOVIET-
CHINESE RIVALRY ARE UNUSUAL IN CYPRUS, AND THIS INCIDENT,
ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT ATTRACT GREAT PUBLIC NOTICE, WILL
PROBABLY CAUSE GOC SOME MILD EMBARRASSMENT. WE WOULD
EXPECT PRO-SOVIET AKEL, WHICH IS ONLY SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT ON THE ISLAND, TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO GET CHINESE TO DESIST FROM FURTHER
ATTACKS ON RUSSIA AND ITS FRIENDS. END COMMENT.
END L.O.U.
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